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SUBJECT: RUDOLPH HESS

1. WE BRIEFED OTHERS AT FEB 7 BONN GROUP MEETING ON
SUBSTANCE BERLIN 237. FONOFF REP (KASTRUP) TOOK
OPPORTUNITY TO INTRODUCE LETTER FROM FRG FINANCE
MINISTRY STATE SECRETARY TO FONMIN SCHEEL INQUIRING IF
ALLIES COULD AGAIN RAISE WITH SOVIETS POSSIBILITY OF
MOVING HESS PERMANENTLY TO INFIRMARY WITHIN SPANDAU
PRISON WALLS (GERMANS RECALLED THAT AN EARLIER,
SIMILAR ATTEMPT WAS MADE IN 1966). KASTRUP SAID
FINANCE MINISTRY PRIMARILY INTERESTED IN REDUCING
SPANDAU OPERATIONAL COSTS.

2. U.S. REP SAID HE WOULD RECOMMEND RENEWAL OF THE
APPROACH TO SOVIETS. HE BELIEVED SUCH AN APPEAL MIGHT
BE MADE ON HUMANITARIAN GROUNDS, AND WOULD CONTINUE
CONSISTENT ALLIED RECORD OF ATTEMPTING TO BETTER HESS'S
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SITUATION, IN VIEW OF HIS POOR HEALTH. THE FRENCH REP

SUPPORTED THE U.S. POSITION, AS DID THE BRITISH, THOUGH
LATTER PESSIMISTIC SOVIETS WOULD RESPOND POSITIVELY.

3. IT WAS AGREED TO RECOMMEND THE RENEWED APPROACH TO
CAPITALS. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPARTMENT'S AND USBER'S
COMMENTS.
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